

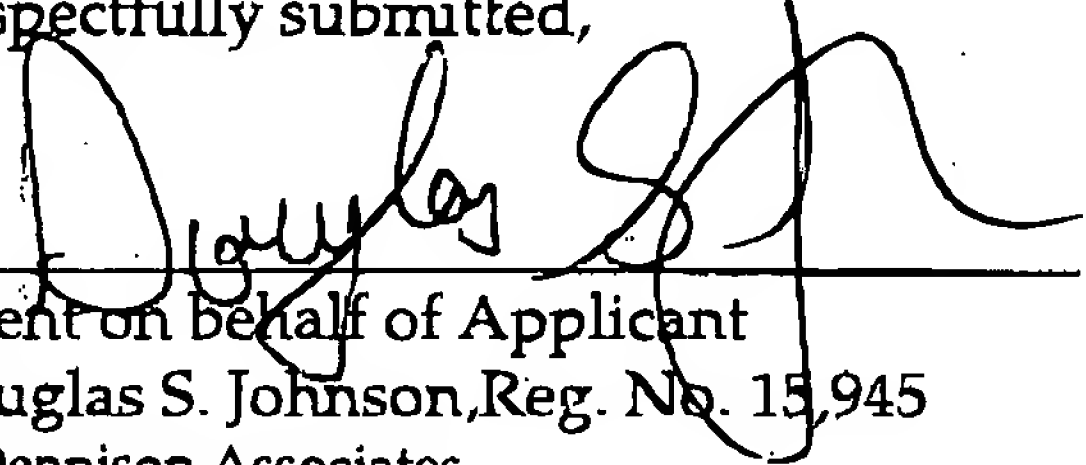
bell formed by the bowed wall region. This is a critical feature of the present invention and is neither contemplated nor rendered obvious by the Fukui reference.

In view of the all of the above, Applicant believes that claim 17 as well as the remaining claims dependent on claim 17 are patentable over the prior art.

The purposed amendment of Figure 4 is believed to correct any deficiencies to both the drawings in the disclosure of the application.

In view of the above, Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance and awaits such notification at the Examiner's earlier convenience.

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THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

2 13. A method as claimed in Claim 11 characterized in that the bowed wall region is formed with a transitional wall part which reduces outside diameter of the pipe from the bowed wall region to the second corrugations.

14. A method as claimed in Claim 17 characterized in that the transitional wall part is removed from the pipe to form first and second pipe sections in which the bowed wall region is converted to an open ended bell on the first pipe section and in which the second corrugations form a spigot on the second pipe section, the bell and the spigot being interfittable with one another for coupling the first and second pipe sections together with one another.

15. A method as claimed in Claim 17 including covering the continuous wall construction with an external layer of plastic by adhering the external layer of plastic to the first corrugations and the bowed wall region and not to the second corrugations.

16. A method as claimed in Claim 17 including removing part of the external layer of plastic around the second corrugations to uncover the second corrugations to form the spigot on the second pipe section.

17. A method of extruding a plastic pipe having a pipe wall construction made from first and second streams of plastic, the first stream of plastic being formed into an interior part of the wall construction, the second

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stream of plastic being formed into a covering wall part over the interior wall part of the wall construction, the covering wall part being shaped into first and second corrugations with the interior wall part being flat where covered by the first and second corrugations, the wall construction further including a bowed wall region where the first and second streams of plastic are extruded lying against one another, the first corrugations and the bowed wall region being formed with a consistent outside diameter and the second corrugations being formed with an outside diameter less than that of the first corrugations and the bowed wall region, the first corrugations, the bowed wall region and the second corrugations all being formed continuously along the pipe with the bowed wall region being located between the first corrugations and the second corrugations, the first corrugations comprising a major part of the pipe and the bowed wall region and the second corrugations comprising a minor part of the pipe.

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